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1. AMBASSADOR FRANCOIS DE ZIEGLER, DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OFFICE IN THE FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT TOLD ME ON APRIL 28 THAT THE DELEGATIONS ATTENDING LAST WEEK'S OPEC MEETING IN GENEVA WERE QUOTE VERY PLEASED UNQUOTE WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY THE GOS TO ASSURE SECURITY. HE CONFIRMS OPEC MAY VERY WILL DECIDE TO MOVE TO GENEVA. HE SAID THAT THE SWISS REFUSAL FIVE OR SIX YEARS AGO TO GRANT OPEC THE STATUS OF AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION WAS A MISTAKE, AND THAT THE GOS IS NOW WILLING TO CHANGE ITS POSITION ON THIS QUESTION.

2. DE ZIEGLER IS QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE AUSTRIAN REACTION SHOULD OPEC DECIDE TO MOVE TO GENEVA. HE HAS BRIEFED THE AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR, AND IS TRAVELING TO ZURICH TODAY, APRIL 29, TO CONSULT AUSTRIA FOREIGN MINISTER BIELKA.
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